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Application of: Richman, *et al.*

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Examiner: Winkler, U.

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
EVALUATING VIRAL RECEPTOR/CO-  
RECEPTOR USAGE AND INHIBITORS OF  
VIRUS ENTRY USING RECOMBINANT  
VIRUS ASSAYS

Attorney Docket No.: 11068-008-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115 AND RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.142**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, in which the Examiner issued a Restriction requirement, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Submitted herewith is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond by one month, from August 11, 2003, to and including September 11, 2003, together with authorization for the required fee.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.